

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
April 11, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Reverend Rick Boshoven-Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Mrs. Barron was absent. All other members were present.

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:**  
None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher dated April 11, 2017. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2017. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**BUDGET & FINANCE:**

Mr. Pettit had no report.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Mr. Minchuk had no report.

**COUNCIL AFFAIRS:**

Mrs. Uzelac spoke about the closing of Jennings Park. Ms. Orlich provided additional details related to this matter.

**PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:**

Mrs. Barron was absent, no report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

Ms. LaMarca had no report.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:**

Mrs. Barron was absent, no report.

**ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

Ms. LaMarca said there will be a parade meeting on April 25, 2017 at 5:30.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Mr. Pettit mentioned there will be a Redevelopment Commission meeting this evening following the Town Council meeting.

**UTILITY LIAISON:**

Mr. Spann had no report.

**ABANDONED PROPERTIES:**

President Hardaway had no report.

**GENERAL ORDERS:**

**FIRST READING ORDINANCES:**

None

**SECOND READING ORDINANCES:**

**Ord. 17-04:** An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, appropriating additional monies within the Broadway TIF/ Contractual Fund for the year 2017 not included in the current budget. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

None

**BZA ACTIONS:**

**Petitioner:** Bao Yu Zheng  
**Owner:** Bao Yu Zheng  
**Request:** Special exception approval  
**Purpose:** Dine-in restaurant  
**Location:** 6601 Broadway  
**Zoning:** C-3, Highway Commercial  
**Case #:** Z9E6-0317  
**Conditions:** Petitioner will maintain property (grass, garbage, keep property clean)  
For this petitioner only, at this location only, for this use only

Sheila Shine provided the Staff Report for the request. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve with discussion. Mr. Minchuk seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding implementing a condition for vegetation to be installed as a screen for the surrounding residential properties. A representative on behalf of the petitioner was present for questions. Mr. Pettit amended his motion to include a condition of a six month review for this petition. Mr. Minchuk seconded the amended motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Petitioner:** Descent of the Holy Ghost Romanian  
**Owner:** Descent of the Holy Ghost Romanian  
**Request:** LED message center (sign)  
**Purpose:** New identification & advertising church activities  
**Location:** 750 West 61st Avenue  
**Zoning:** R-2, Residential Zoning District  
**Case #:** Z10UV4-0317  
**Conditions:** Sign will be on from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
For this petitioner only, at this location only, for this use only

Sheila Shine provided the Staff Report for the request. Mr. Spann made a motion to approve and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at Town Hall.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Town Hall Offices Closed (except for Emergency Services)  
April 14, 2017 in observance of Good Friday.

Plan Commission workshop, April 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Environmental Resource Committee meeting, April 20, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Town Council meeting, April 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Waste Management meeting, April 17, 2017 at 12:15 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ms. LaMarca made a motion to adjourn was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac.